(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the States and Union Territories being covered under the scheme and allocation of funds being made during 2007-08; and

(d) the results anticipated from the special plan during 2007-2008 and 2008-09?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) The Government has contemplated a Centrally Sponsored Scheme "National Food Security Mission" in the country to enhance the production of - wheat, rice and pulses during the XIth Five Year Plan.The National Food Security Mission will have three components *viz.*, National Food Security Mission - Rice (NFSM – Rice), National Food Secuirty Mission – Wheat (NFSM – Wheat) National Food Security Mission – Pulses (NFSM Pulses).

The NFSM – Rice will be implemented in 12 States *viz.*, Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand; Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal.

The NFSM - Wheat will be implemented in 9 States *viz.*, Bihar, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Maharashtra and Gujarat.

The NFSM – Pulses will be implemented in 14 states *viz.*, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Haryana, Punjab, Orissa, West Bengal, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Chhattisgarh.

(d) The National Devleopment Council in its meeting held on 29th May, 2007 has adopted a resolution to enhance the production of rice, wheat and pulses by 10, 8 and 2 million tonnes, respectively by the end of XIth Plan.

**Crop damage**

13. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an assessment of the damage caused to the crops due to excessive rainfall in some States of the country during the current monsoons has been made; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the assistance provided to the States to compensate the farmers, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Target for production of pulses**

14. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of target fixed by Government for production of pulses in the country during the next two years;

(b) the details of quantity of pulses produced in the country during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether this quantity is sufficient to meet the present requirement of the country; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the details of effective steps being taken by Government to increase the production of pulses in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) The target for production of pulses for 2007-08 has been fixed 15.50 million tonnes. The production targets of crops are fixed on yearly basis in the beginning of the crop season each year.

(b) The details of State-wise production of pulses during last three years are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) and (d) The production of pulses in the country is not sufficient to meet the demand. The gap between the demand and domestic availablility of pulses in the country is continuously increasing due to increasing human population and stagnant production of pulses. The major reasons for insufficient availability of pulses are that they are grown on marginal and sub-marginal lands under rainfed conditions by small and marginal farmers and lack of major varietal break-through.

Government of India is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme "Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds Pulses, Oilpalm and Maize" (ISOPOM) in 14 major pulses growing States in the country for increasing the production and productivity of pulses. Under the scheme, financial assistance is provided for distribution of various critical inputs *viz.* seed, plant protection chemicals, equipments, weedicides, bio-fertilizers, gypsum, sprinkler sets, water carrying pipes etc. to encourage farmers to grow pulses on a large scale. In order to disseminate information on improved production technologies amongst the farmers, block demonstrations and Integrated Pest Management (IPM) demonstrations are organized through State Department of Agriculture and Frontline Demonstrations through Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).

Further, in pursuance of the resolution adopted in the 53rd Meeting of National Development Council held on 29.05.07 under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister, it is proposed to launch "National Food Security Mission" comprising rice, wheat and pulses during XI Plan to enhance the production and productivity of these crops and make the country self-sufficient in food grains.

***Statement***

*State-wise production of pulses during last three years (2004-05 to 2006-2007)*

Production ('000' tonnes)

| State/UT | 2004-05 | 2005-06 | 2006-07* |
|---|---|---|---|
| Andhra Pradesh | 1019.0 | 1376.0 | 1347.0 |
| Bihar | 466.9 | 446.8 | 461.0 |
| Chhattisgarh | 367.8 | 453.4 | 495.0 |
| Gujarat | 479.3 | 547.0 | 593.0 |
| Haryana | 146.0 | 118.1 | 149.0 |

| State/UT | 2004-05 | 2005-06 | 2006-07* |
|---|---|---|---|
| Karnataka | 792.0 | 964.0 | 825.0 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 3429.2 | 3232.6 | 3202.0 |
| Maharastra | 1664.0 | 2005.0 | 2258.0 |
| Orissa | 249.6 | 336.3 | 289.0 |
| Punjab | 31.7 | 26.2 | 30.0 |
| Rajasthan | 1337.4 | 898.1 | 1258.0 |
| Tamil Nadu | 245.6 | 177.0 | 246.0 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 2375.0 | 2231.5 | 2424.0 |
| West Bengal | 167.1 | 174.3 | 179.0 |
| Others | 358.9 | 398.1 | 475.0 |
| ALL INDIA: | 13129.5 | 13384.4 | 14231.0 |

* IVth advance estimate

**Budget provision for foodgrain seeds, oil seed, etc.**

†15. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the provision for foodgrain seeds, oil seeds, pulses, maize development, crops insurance scheme, land and water conservation in the budget estimates for the year 2007-08 has been fixed less than the budget estimates for the year 2006-07; and

(b) whether this provision would be sufficient to fulfill the shortfall in the production of foodgrains, pulses, oil seeds and their development schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) No, Sir. Budget estimate of the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation was Rs. 4480 crores in 2006-07, which has increased to Rs. 5520 crores in 2007-08. Provision for schemes related to foodgrains, seeds, oilseeds, pulses, maize, land & water conservation have increased. Funds for the crop insurance scheme are the same as last year.

(b) The National Development Council resolution dated the 29th May, 2007 has further identified the need for a scheme for providing Additional Central Assistance to the states for the agriculture sector, as well as for launching a Food Security Mission, covering Rice, Wheat and Pulses. Other schemes are also under way and, should there be any further need for funds, additional funds will be solicited.

**Suicides in Vidarbha**

†16. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the suicides by the farmers in Vidarbha goes unabated;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.